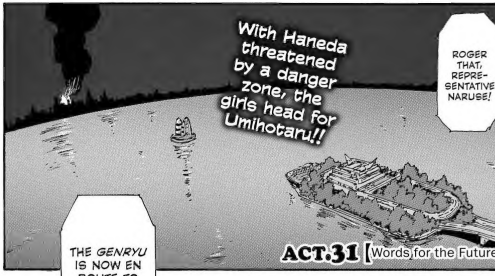
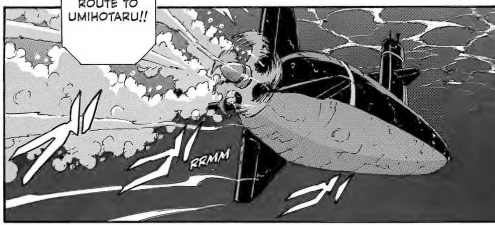
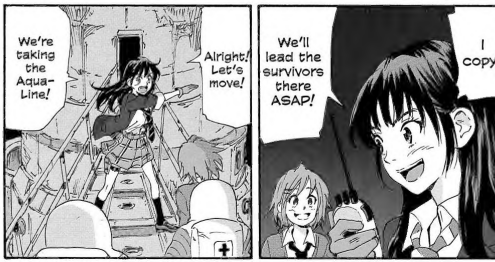


ACT.31 [Words for the Future]





2036 AD. The Vice Principal and Haruto stayed behind to cut off the enemy's pursuit in the industrial district. They defeat Touma Mizoguchi in battle and succeed in recovering Meisa's eye. Meanwhile, Ihara and company rush to make it to the Genryu... but with a danger zone closing in on Haneda, they're forced to change rendezvous points. Their new destination: Umihotaru!!

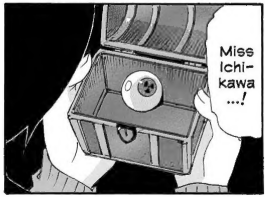
If we use the Aqua-Line...
How far is it to Umihotaru?
Let's see...
The tunnel's about ten kilometers long, I think.
Ten kilometers!
M-Mama Akiko!
FWUMP
On your feet! We're almost home free! You can make it!

You can come closer, Mana Tsuburaya.
The Vice Principal's had aether plus.

TUMP

PLOK

TMP
TMP
Is Miss Ichikawa's eye...?!
It's in here.


Miss Ichi-kawa ...!

Reload, Miss Ichikawa!
What's wrong?
...
We tried calling out to her several times ourselves.
She won't react to you, either?
Were we too late?
No...
Oh, Miss Ichikawa ...
ストン
FWUMP
Ahun ...
PLIP
PLIP
Urgh...

She'll be back.
Dr. Coppelius.
You're nearby, aren't you, Melsa?
I can tell.

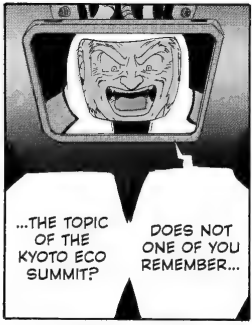
CLENCH
March.
I'll watch from the sky.
HWOO
Let's move on!
TMP
Yes! We need to guard Naruse's group!

Kyoto
Sec-
retary
Ougai!
!
Are
they still
playing
their
video-
games?
Has
any-
thing
changed
?
RAA
RAA
It's
chaos
inside.
I'm not
sure.

A live feed?
Prepare a screen for a live feed.
Where's the Coppelion genome map now?!
RAA
The deal was that whoever won the game would win the data!
How should I know when the girl we made the deal with logged out?!
RAA
What's going on in Tokyo?!
Yes, we must know! We must keep the Coppelion technology safe, for the profit of humanity!
Silence, please, gentlemen.

VOOP
BEEP
Your attention, please.
Was he not in the hospital?
The Japanese Prime Minister!
It's...
FWT——...
TESTING, TESTING!
OUGAI, CAN YOU HEAR ME?
The signal is clear, Your Excellency.
They're all yours.

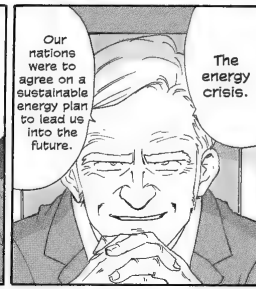
Leaders of the world...
I speak to you from Tokyo.
AHA!
JAPAN WANTS THE DATA ALL FOR THEM-SELVES!
WHAT'S THE MEAN-ING OF THIS?!
RAA
RAA
T-TOKYO ?!
AN UNDER-HANDED MOVE! MANKIND'S FUTURE DEPENDS ON THAT DATA!
PRE-CISELY!
IT'S OUR DUTY TO FAIRLY DETER-MINE WHO WILL OVERSEE IT!


...THE TOPIC OF THE KYOTO ECO SUMMIT?
DOES NOT ONE OF YOU REMEMBER...

FWT
!
ENOUGH OF THIS CRAP!

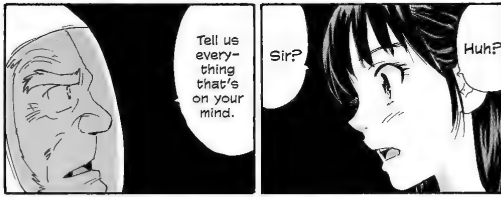
I have no idea. So much has happened.
What was it again?
Topic?

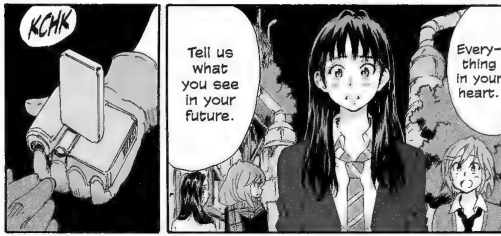
THAT'S WHAT WE GATHERED TOGETHER FOR!
BINGO, AUSTRALIA!


Our nations were to agree on a sustainable energy plan to lead us into the future.
The energy crisis.

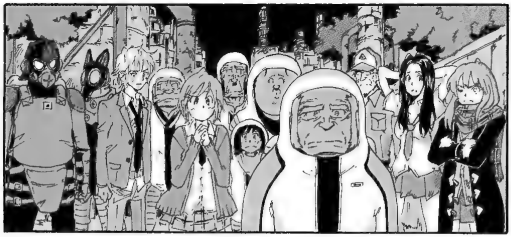
...AND EVEN PUSHED FOR A MEAN-INGLESS WAR!
RATHER THAN WORK TOWARD A SOLUTION, WE FOUGHT EACH OTHER OVER NEW TECHNOL-OGY...
AND LOOK AT WHAT A MESS WE'VE MADE OF IT!
...and focus our efforts on the true purpose of this confer-ence?!
Should we not return to our seats, face each other man to man...
CLAP
...
CLAP
Brilliantly put, Japan!
CLAP CLAP
Indeed!
KLAK

My proposal to revive production of nuclear power.
We already settled on a solution, did we not?
With the Coppelion, we can manage atomic energy more safely than ever!
But there are no other plans!
And this conference isn't over until we have a unanimous vote!
I never agreed to your plan.
WE'LL HAVE THEM PROTECT US HUMANS!
YEAH!

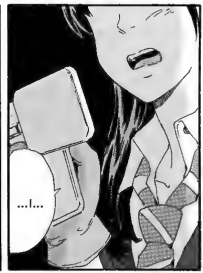

Huh?
Sir?
Tell us everything that's on your mind.


Everything in your heart.
Tell us what you see in your future.
KCHK

...?
Shh! Be quiet, Kurosawa!
!
Hey, Naruse!
...



...DON'T GET THIS COMPLEX STUFF AT ALL...
I...


...I...

PUP

But...
Right now, what I do know is...

WE JUST WANT EVERYONE TO LEAD HAPPY LIVES.
WE'LL TAKE CARE OF THE CLEANUP.
KLAK

What have we done?
They're all kids.
...she's just a kid.
Shall we take a short recess?
Gentle-men.
We humans need to come together to resolve this crisis.
We'll run from it no longer.
We have much to discuss.
No...

We're back on track!
Well done, my dear!
Huh...
HEY! BRING DINNER TO THE CONFERENCE TABLE!
LET'S DO IT!
HE'S RIGHT! WELL SAID, FRANCE!
ドシーン
KRISH
?!
Keep moving, guys!
...
I've got a bad feeling ...
What was that ?!

No way!
It's a Fossi-loid!
KREEOO
What?! Another robot?!
Didn't we break 'em all?!
I DON'T KNOW!
ONE OF THE 69 FOSSILOIDS MIGHT STILL BE~
TRAA
TRAA

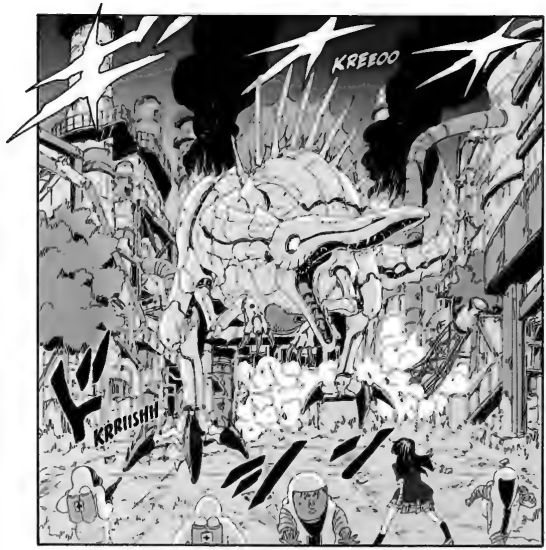
IT'S COMING CLOSER!
WHERE IS IT?!
Australia! You were waiting for this opportunity, weren't you?!
You brute...
I've done nothing—
Why the stares?
DON'T TOUCH ME! IF YOU PUT ONE FINGER ON ME, I'LL CONSIDER IT AN ATTACK ON AUSTRALIA!
SHUT IT! COME ON, WE'LL JUMP HIM ALL AT ONCE!
You dare insult me?
What?!

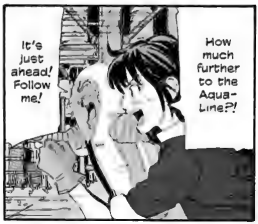
This isn't Australia's doing!
It's not him...

Just when they were finally getting along!
What the heck?

FWOOOM
It's Yellow Cake!
They sent in a Fossiloid!

It's after us!
There it is!


KREEOO
KRRIISHH


How much further to the Aqua-Line?!
It's just ahead! Follow me!

It's a Spino-saurus!
Good for it! Let's scram!

WHUD
WHUD
BZZKT
That won't stop it for long!
Get your asses moving!
GRAGGLE
Aahh !!

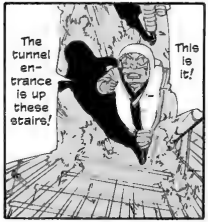
This way!
...or was it?
SWISH
Are we lost?!
It's a maze in here! But we're going in the right direction!
A Yellow Cake operative!
Wait here!
What?!
H-Hey!

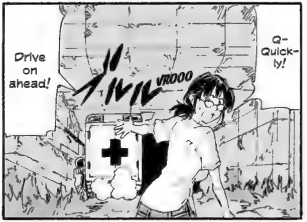
KRAK
!
Now! Go!
GWSH
RAAA
WHACK

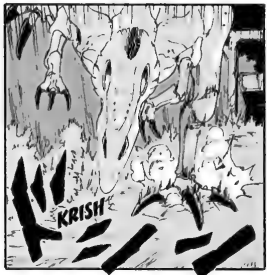
FWT
Taeko!
!
FWT
Where are you?
I'm waiting with the ambulance at the tunnel entrance!
Get Alice to a safe place!
GLANG
RATTLE
Go on without us!

DGRAA

Eh?!
R-Roger!


The tunnel entrance is up these stairs!
This is it!


Drive on ahead!
VROOO
Q-Quickly!


KRISH

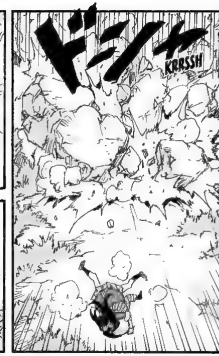
The enemy's right behind us!
Go, go, go!

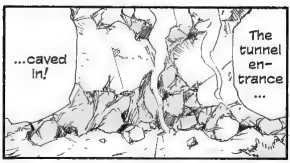
Come down the other side and into the tunnel! Hurry!
We're up here!
KRAZOO
Get these men outta here!
Naruse!
KSHSH!
Fossiloid on the highway!
Aiiee !
Thanks, Kanon!
BZZKT
BZZKT
BZZKT

RAA
RAA
BOOM
Into the tunnel!
Every-body run!
This time's goodbye, kid!
Kanon !
Hraaah !!
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
Over here, you bag of bones !!

FLASH
BTOOM
Ahh!

KOFF


KRRSSH!


...caved in!
The tunnel entrance...

HUFF
HUFF
Are Haruto and the Ozu sisters...?

Kanon...!
Waah!

Urgh!
Ahun...

The Cleanup Crew is invincible!
Don't worry.

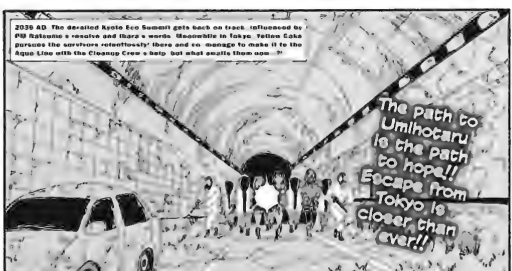
Onward!
Luminotaru's waiting at the end of this tunnel!
Shining at the end of a long, dark tunnel is the light of hope... of rescue!!
to be continued...

Act 32
[Whispers of Death]

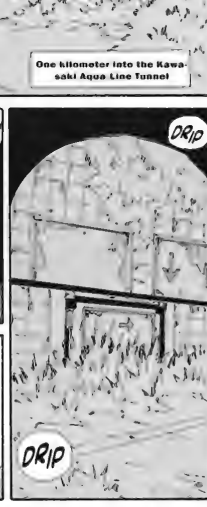
COPPELION

Special Forces ation

presented by **Tomonori Inoue**


2039 AD. The derailed Kyoto Eco Summit gets back on track, influenced by PM Natsume's resolve and Ihara's words. Meanwhile in Tokyo, Yellow Cake pursues the survivors relentlessly! Ihara and co. manage to make it to the Aqua Line with the Cleanup Crew's help, but what awaits them now...?!
The path to Umihotaru is the path to hope!! Escape from Tokyo is closer than ever!!
One kilometer into the Kawasaki Aqua Line Tunnel

DRIP


DRIP
DRIP

We can't contact anyone on the outside
FWT
The tunnel's blocking the radio waves

This is the last obstacle, everybody! We can do this!
Roger, VP!
Don't get flustered. The survivors are looking to you as a leader, Naruse.
We're ten kilometers from Umihotaru.
Oh, give me a break. I'm about to pass out!
We're so close, we're practically there.
You got it, Rep!
A little further and we're finally to our goal!
Alright!

KRMM
Aqua-Line Entrance
Got a body over here!
CLUNK
!
WHAP

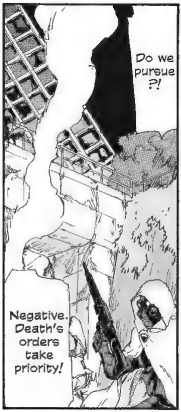
It's still alive!
A Cop-pelion!
NNG
!!
Gah!
KRRSH
Hrah!!

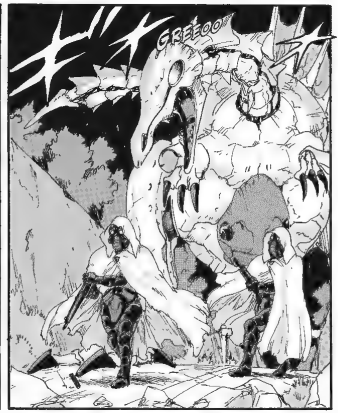
KLUNK
I'm good! Let's scram!
Sie! You okay?!
...
!!
RATATA
Just kill 'em!
KCHK
Freeze!
Over here, you two!
Climb over!

RATATA
WHUMP!

Keep down! This way!

You didn't make it into the tunnel, you derp?!
Haruto!
RATATA
CHING


Do we pursue?!
Negative. Death's orders take priority!


GREEOO

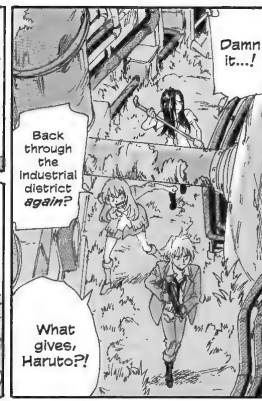
Look.
They're getting their orders from a device.
!
Why'd we stop?
Oi, Haruto! Keep your dumb ass moving!
Yeah... Those guys've caused us a lot of grief!
First that shoot-out, and now this. They're finally showing their true colors.
Yellow Cake...
...about Yellow Cake?
Hey, Prime Minister! You're, like, the top dog of Japan. What do you know...

Yellow Cake...
All I can say is that when you pile up enough money, you can make yourself invisible.
That's why no one can find out much about them.
Even you don't know anything?
Then who would?
"Death" ...
Mr. Asimov ...!
Should you be moving?!
All orders from Yellow Cake...
...can be traced back to one person.
Who is it?
Their president?
I don't know ...
His code-name is "Death." He's the one giving orders to the lower ranks.

Death...

No one has met him or even seen him.
It's as if he were a ghost.

We can return to our Cleanup Crew duties.
Naruse's group no longer needs us.


Damn it...!
Back through the industrial district *again*?
What gives, Haruto?!

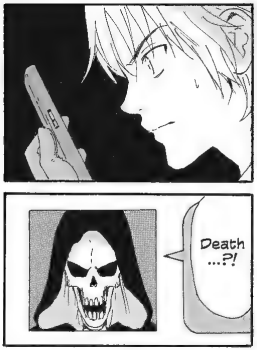
Time for us to clean house, huh?
So, we gonna crush Yellow Cake?

More of them
Kanon. Shion. Can you capture one without being noticed?
!
WHAM
Whoa, the—
Argh!
BAM
WHAP
Piece of cake!
WHUD

Stay quiet, or you'll alert backup!
That's enough!
You're no match for us! Die!
WHOK
KRAK
How d'ya like that, bug eyes?!
RUSTLE
!
Bingo!
Found a phone.
I'm hun-gryyy!
The heck? We're not killing 'em?

Go!
The Fossibia!
GREEOO!
WHOO
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
KRISH
KRISH
Damn it!
We need fire-power!

Mana Tsubura-ya!
Way to show up late to the party! Again!
HWOOO
Perfect. She'll buy us time!
GRRROO
Message history ...


Death ...?!
BLIP
Messages
...!
DEATH
DEATH
DEATH

RING RING
RING RING
...
RING RING
RING RING
Na-goya

BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
This is Haruto Kurosawa, in Tokyo!
I'm sending you some data to be analyzed ASAP!
You've reached Mushanokoji of Nagoya.
Please leave a message after the...
Hello...
...
Let's take a look...
DEATH
SWIPE
These messages are encrypted to look like garbled text.
WE NEED YOU TO GET INTO THE SERVER THEY CAME FROM...
...AND FIND OUT WHO SENT THEM!
BUM-BOOM
Where's the Vice Principal?!
I never work for free...
TMP-TMP-
Hm...? I can't get through!

KRSH
KRSH
KRAKKKAKE
RRMM
!!
RRMM
WHAM
!!
RAM

FOO

FWUMP

But I located the server right away.
It will take some time to decrypt the messages...

TAK
TAK
TAK

Where is it?
Alaska ...?!
...?

No, Morocco!
BLIP
BLIP
It's no use! It relocates as soon as it's detected...!
Now it's in India...
What?! The server just moved!
?!
BLIP
Decrypt the messages Death sent!
...forget the location!
TAK TAK
This is a hacker's safeguard!
And without leaving any traces! How?!
TAK TAK
We gotta go bail her out before it's too late!
WHAP
Maria Tsuburaya's down...!
Ha-izuto!

I'm not as easy-going as my bro.
Sorry.
CLINK
Where is she?!
!MP
!MP
This way! Tsubu-raya!

Die.
...!
PLIP
PLIP

Meisa Ichi-kawa's eye...?!
EYOSSHH
Wh...
What the...
EYOSSHH

Tch ...!
Miss Ichi-kawa!
POW
SLAM

Tsu-
bure-
ya!
clang

GASH

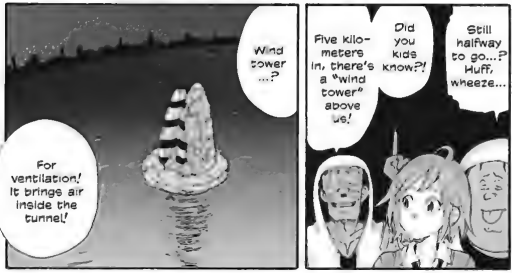
Remind me, was she with us or against us?!
Meisa Ichikawa...?!

SWISH

Here. Your hair tie.

Crap... Learn to get a move on, Tsuburaya!
No time to lose... We need to hide!
GREEOO

We're at the halfway point!
Almost four kilometers in.


Wind tower...?
For ventilation! It brings air inside the tunnel!
Five kilometers in, there's a "wind tower" above us!
Did you kids know?!
Still halfway to go...? Huff, wheeze...

No hacker can stump me!
I've restored part of the original text!
I'll send you what I have so far.
MUSHA-NOKOJI HERE!
This is the most recent message?
"Emergency last resort" ...?
PING
DEATH
Emergency last resort ~3ｷL!fXR" eEiPtL/ψ#$ Preserve stability through terror attack
It looks like they're literally being told to become terrorists.
If Yellow Cake's mercenaries are following these instructions...
"Preserve harmony through terror attack" ...?
Hmm.

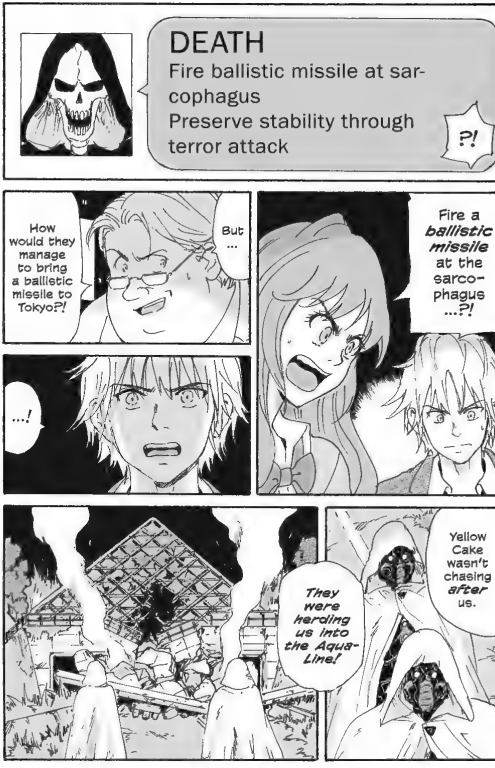
But hey, if it's terrorists we're up against, we don't gotta hold back, right?
Ha, hey've totally lost it!
But identifying this "Death" character is beyond even me!
I'll attempt to restore the rest of the text...
Why would they give this order...?
Who's behind this grim reaper icon?
Lemme see.
Hey.

No. They're hiding.
Did you eliminate the Coppelion?
Let them! We're not to waste time chasing them down.
They'll be set up shortly.
And the explosives?
Get it done!
We'll be paid as long as we do as he says.
Good ...

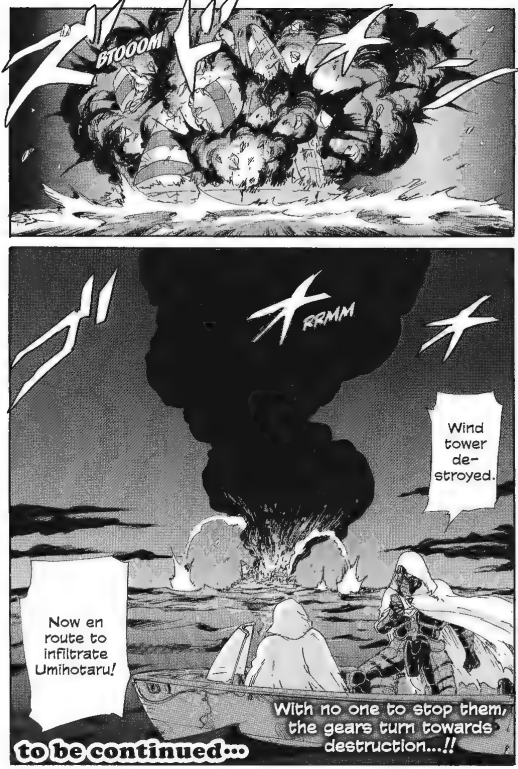
We sure she's not just playing some phone game ...?
That chick ...
TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP
Dr. Coppelius seemed to trust her skills as a hacker...
But this is no easy task.
Oh!
It's a bot.
Huh?!
A what ...?!
A bot!
An auto-mated program. You don't know what those are?

The program didn't have an answer ready. I bugged it out.
It answered with the same exact string of characters every time.
"What are your top ten videogames?"
You can ask "Death" questions. So I asked him the same thing twenty times:
That's all it took for you to see through it?!
... whoa.
Hilarious! A *computer's* pulling the strings!
Pfft. They'd take orders from a *dog* as long as they get *paid*.
Wait. Then the mercenaries are following the orders of a *computer program*?
My guess is, it's pulling answers from a database of countless contingency plans that have been compiled over a long time.
Listen. *There isn't anyone behind it.*
Who wrote the program?!
Out with it!

And I bet that database's purpose...
...is to "preserve stability."
A computer's pulling the strings...?!
This is insane...!
!
I finished restoring the rest of the text!
Sending it now!
What...?!
Move over, idiot!
...
This—


DEATH
Fire ballistic missile at sarcophagus
Preserve stability through terror attack
?!
How would they manage to bring a ballistic missile to Tokyo?!
But ...
...!
Fire a ballistic missile at the sarcophagus ...?!
They were herding us into the Aqua-Line!
Yellow Cake wasn't chasing after us.

...is after the ballistic missiles on the submarine!
Yellow Cake...
What did you figure out, Haruto?!
Wha ...?!
Oh the Genryuu?! It's on its way to Umineari!
Everybody in the tunnel is in danger!


BTOOOM!
RRMM
Wind tower de-stroyed.
Now en route to infiltrate Umihotaru!
With no one to stop them, the gears turn towards destruction...!!
to be continued...

Act 33
(Apoptosis)

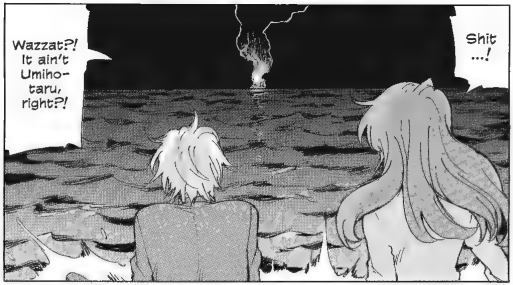
COPPELION

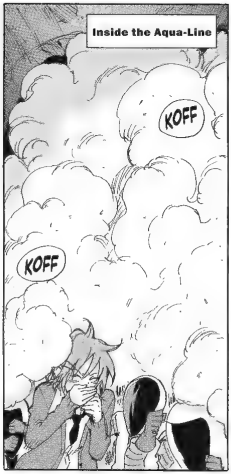
Engraved within cells,

a sinister curse--

presented by tomonori inoue

2020 AD. Brought back into action, Mecca Ichikawa proves that the control of Yellow Cake's operations is an automated computer-program locating distant to subordinates via a Death Scan. She has plans to destroy the cosmotrooper, by using the ballistic missiles on the Enemy, on which is on its way to Switzerland.
Yellow Cake destroyed the Wind tower!! Down in the Aqua-Line, Ibara is in danger!!
SPSSMM
HUFF
HUFF
SPSSMM
HUFF
HUFF


Wazzat?! It ain't Umihotaru, right?!
Shit ...!


Inside the Aqua-Line
KOFF
KOFF

The air vent at the halfway point of the Aqua-Line...
It's the wind tower !

Then below it--
Like, right over the tunnel ?!

What was with that explosion ?!
!
RRMM
RRMM
No way ...
The tunnel's —
RRMM
Wh...
What's that sound ?!

DWOOSSHH

The other end is blocked off by debris, too!
RAA
Turn back to *Where* ?!

Turn back! We'll be swept away!
FSSH
Water !!
RAA
FSSH

It can keep us out of the water for now!
Every-body up on the side walk-ways!

No injured!
This side is accounted for, Naruse!

FSSHH

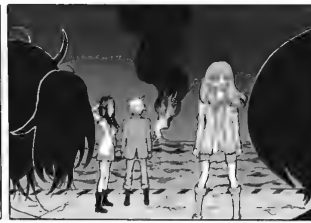
We sent them on to Umihotaru ahead of us. They should be on the other side of the debris!
Ibara... What about the ambulance...?!

...before the tunnel floods!
FSSHH

We have to move the debris...
What can we do, Rep?

Mana! Go find my sandals!
God, I am so done with running barefoot!
TAP
TAP
TAP

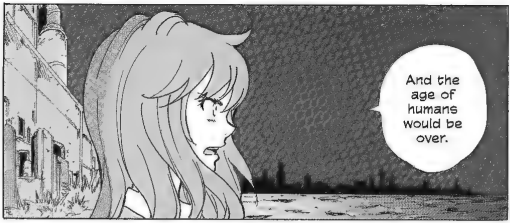
...well that doesn't look good



They're following Deathbot's orders word-for-word.
They musta found out about Uminotaru by listening into our radio chatter.

We believe they're after the ballistic missiles on the *Genryu*.
Yellow Cake attacked the tunnel.

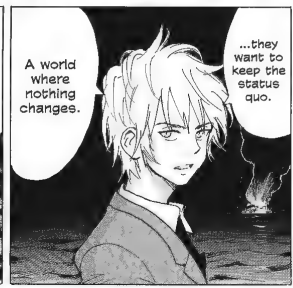
If the sarcophague were destroyed with a missile...
It's perfect material with which to threaten the world leaders.
What the hell would they do that for, Haruto?!
It said they're gonna fire at the sarcophague, yeah?!
What'd happen?
Huuh?
The radioactive material sealed inside the sarcophagus would be scattered by the blast...
...and get picked up in the wind and sea currents, spreading the pollution to the ends of the Earth...


And the age of humans would be over.

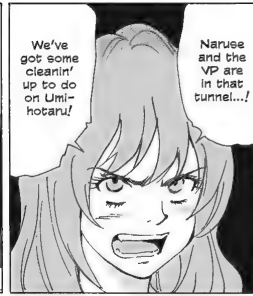
What's this "balance control" thing about?
What does Yellow Cake *want* with the world?

SPLSSHH

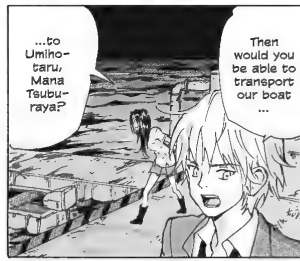
So Yellow Cake is resorting to drastic measures.
Our little commotion is making *waves*...
SPLSSHH


A world where nothing changes.
...they want to keep the status quo.

Our bodies are still emitting neutrons and all!
Us two second-years can't go near the humans anyway, right, Mana?
Wha-at? What a hassle!


We've got some cleanin' up to do on Umi-hotaru!
Naruse and the VP are in that tunnel...!

FSSHH


...to Umihotaru, Mana Tsuburaya?
Then would you be able to transport our boat ...

...she says we can do that much!

Can you use your powers to move the rubble?!
That's it, Aoi!

It's no use! It's not budging!
Kh...
PUSH!!

Our lives are all in your hands!
You can do it, Missy Aoi!

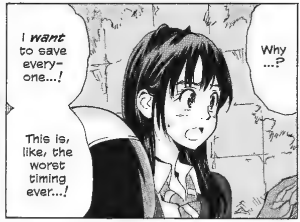
I-I'll try!
Y-Yeah... I...
FSSHH

WHOOSH
Yaa!
WHUMP
STAGGER

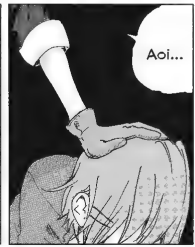
My power's not working...
I can't...
Urgh...

...
Aoi...?! What's wrong?!
MURMUR
MURMUR
Aren't your powers...?!

Did she use it all up in the battle...?!
For real?


I *want* to save everyone...!
This is, like, the worst timing ever...!
Why...?

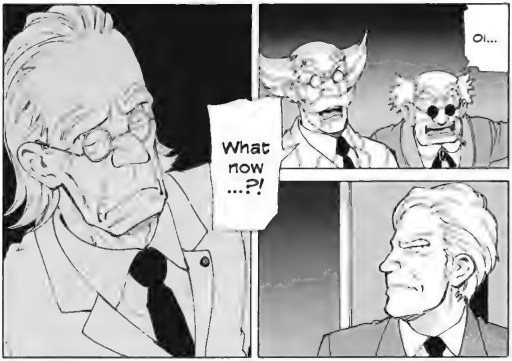
Don't cry, okay?
We'll think of something else.


Aoi...

I'm, like, the old weakling Aoi again!
I'm so sorry, Ibaraaa...!
Aruuun!
FSSHH
Aruuun!
FSSHH
Kyoto Eco Summit

No one shall be allowed to derail this esteemed conference!
Si-lence!
Do you want to make an enemy of Australia?!
You people can't possibly expect to get away with this, can you?
Drag on your "es-teemed" discus-sion of a perfect future all you like.
Seems the lot of you are fools.
Tonight, the world will finally unite as one and embrace the dawn-ing of an era of alternative energy!
Yes, yes!
Nuclear power is the path humanity should embrace!
There's still only one con-clusion to be had.

This may very well be our final chance.
Should we not stop and consider whether that path is truly correct?
VMM
A grim reaper?!
W-What the?!

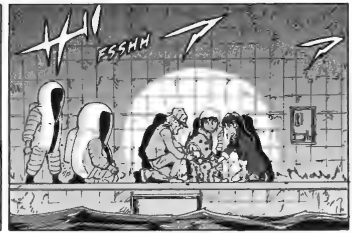

What now ...?!
Oi...

Push from that side! One, two...!
FSSH
A little more and it should give!
FSSH
SPLOOSH

She fell asleep!
Some-thin's wrong with Kiara!
Ibara ...!
The Retrieval Unit girl... I totally forgot about her.
Kiara ...!
I've got you covered!
...some-body switch with me!
And she's really cold... Is she gonna be okay?!
I tried shaking her, but she won't wake up!

Dr. Coppelius...?

Step aside, please.


FSSHH

However, her cells are undergoing dramatic change.
I wish it were.

Is it just exhaustion?!
...have you found anything out?!

...are regularly replaced, to keep one's body in healthy condition.
Cells throughout the body...
What does that mean?!
Her cells?
...and how new tree leaves bud after old leaves wither and fall.
That's how the body recovers from illness and injury over time...
Apoptosis ...
This programmed cell death ...
...is called "apoptosis."

They fell into a deep sleep, as if they'd suddenly died. The majority never woke again.
I often saw organisms exhibiting the same symptoms as this child.
Years ago, in my old lab...
...
Sudden... death...?
These are signs of death approaching.
Sudden onset of drowsiness and dropping body temperature...

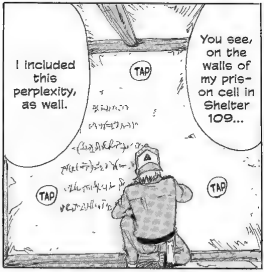
Wake up, Kiara!
SHAKE
SHAKE
You gotta wake up! Wake up!
No...
She's just sleeping!
She'll wake up real soon, won't she?!

CLASP
I'm scared...
Ibara...
It's gonna be okay!
It's okay ....!

It's too awful!
Falling asleep and never waking up...
Isn't there anything you can do to fix her...?!
Doc-tor!
HIC
Urgh...
All that can be done...
...is to urge those cells to live on.
I do not know the cause of it. Only that even-tually, a Coppe-lion's cells all begin to shut down.
The child has fallen asleep because her body is desperately battling the cell death.
SLIP

Urge us to *live*?
We'd never *want* to die!
But is there...
Is there no way for us to get through this...?
I was not able to lift this curse myself...
How-ever...

My clone has the ability.
His genius surpasses mine.


You see, on the walls of my prison cell in Shelter 109...
TAP
TAP
TAP
I included this perplexity, as well.

...Haruto...?

Because I believed that *he*...
...would be able to solve the puzzle of the deaths.

Haruto can do it.
Let's get through this tunnel and meet up with Haruto!
Al-right.
KRAK
KRIK
DFSSH
!!
KRIK
KRAK
?!

The ceiling --
KWOOSHHH!
GLOOP
KRSHH
Waah!
It caved in!

...?!
SLIP
SLIP
SLIP
EMERGENCY EXIT
I'm gonna drown!
Heeelp!
Ibaraaa!
SPLASH

SPLASH
I'm here, Naruse!
Where are you?!
YP!!
Haa...
Follow me!
!
EMERGENCY EXIT
An emergency exit?!
SPKOOSH
...
HOLLL

CHAM
BWSSHH
KNAK
Whoa !
FZSSHH
BPLSSH
BSSHH
A slide ?!

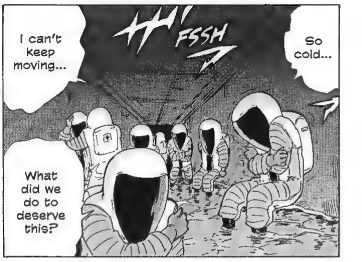
DWSSHH
...beneath the Aqua-Line!
FWOOO
A second tunnel
HUFF
HUFF
SPLASH
Wagh!
SPLOOSH
Yeeek!

Everybody will get pulled down here!
Fssh
We've found our way through!
Fssh
Okay!
Mere kilometers from Uminotaru, all that remains is to advance to the rendezvous!!
to be continued…

Act 34
[Light the Fire]
COPPELION
Special Force
"Evacuate the survivors."
With a single mission,
the girls press ever forward—
presented by Tomonori Inoue

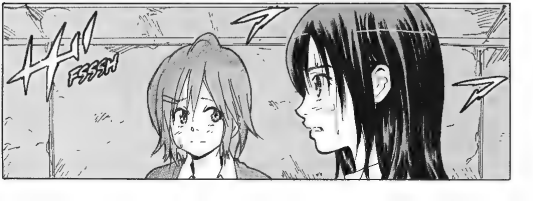
2039 AD. As part of their plan to take over the patriotic minister on the Gamyo, Setime Cake destroys the wind tower. With the Aqua line wrecked as a result, Ibara and company find themselves buried alive, until Ibara, weighing in a water harvest. Hosts an emergency exit!
Narrowly escaping danger, the survivors discover a new path. They're almost to Umihotaru...!!
FSSSH
Your quick thinking has us back on our feet.
The suits kept anyone from drowning.
Naruse! What's the head count?!
All accounted for! Everyone slid down the emergency exit!
FSSSH
I thought that was the end...
WHEEZE
WHEEZE

KOFF
Urgh ...


I can't keep moving...
FSSH
So cold...
What did we do to deserve this?

We're not like you. We're ordinary humans!
Easy for you to say...!
Don't expect us to keep up with you...

Umihotaru's just ahead!
Guys...!
Hang in there just a little longer!


FSSH

But we're honestly exhausted. Please, let us rest...
... sorry.
Think before you speak!
You big dummy ...!
Mama Akiko...
Only another five or six kilometers, wasn't it?!
It's just a little exercise! We'll lose these extra pounds, you'll see!
SPLASH!
SPLASH!
We're leaving, dears!
Unless you want to be left behind!
SPLOSH!

Umihotaru,
Tokyo Bay
PSSH
BEEP
BEEP
The radiation is within tolerable levels!
Great

REPORTING TO THE BRIDGE!
UMIHOTARU'S BEEN OVERTAKEN BY NATURE. IT'S PRACTICALLY A FOREST!
What the...?!
Naruse and the others haven't made it here yet...?!
SPLASH
TROOO

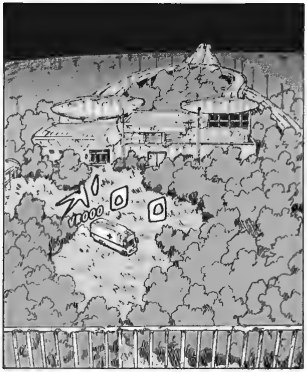
KCHK
KREE
TUMO
Can you see the submarine, Nomura?
It's in ruins...
Eh?!
This is Umihotaru... yes?

FWIT
WE READ YOU ON THE GENRYU!
WHAT'S YOUR LOCATION?!
FWIT
I'll ask for their position over the radio!
Hello? This is the ambulance!
We stopped just outside of the tunnel exit!
I brought the ill and injured in advance of the others!
Roger!
CLICK
We'll turn on our search-light to guide you!
CLUNK
!

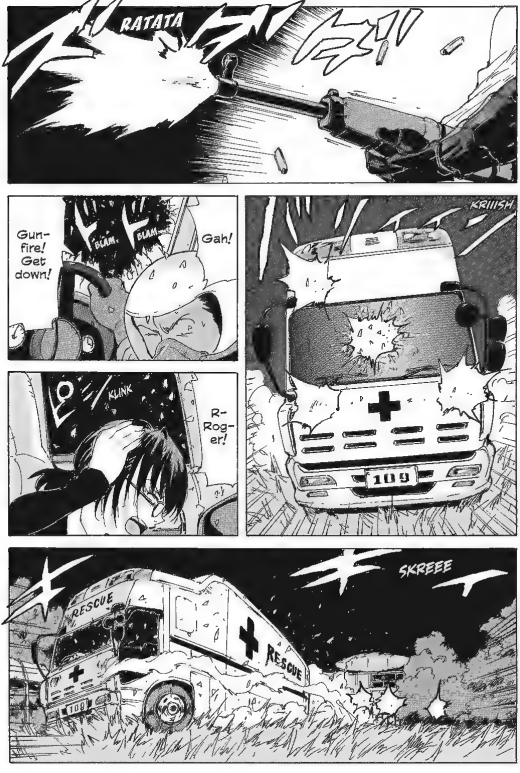
We'll make for the rendezvous point immediately!
I see the searchlight!

That's the Genryu.
Move out!
SHIFT

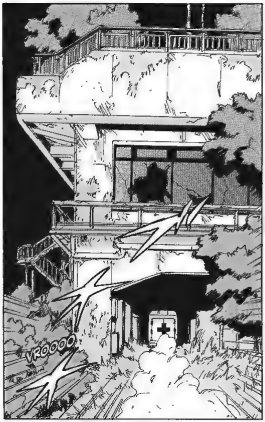
Gah, did the batteries run out?
TAP
TAP
The flashlight ...!
CLICK
CLICK
Hopefully it lasts until the exit.
The last flare.
FLASH
SHLOOP
!
WHRL
...
WHRL
FSSH



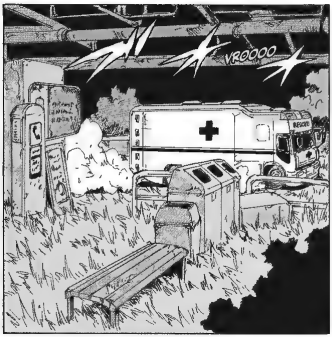
SHUU
SHUU
SHUU


RATATA
Gun-fire! Get down!
BAM.
BAM.
Gah!
KLINK
R-Roger!
KRIIISH
109
SKREEE
RESCUE
RESCUE
109

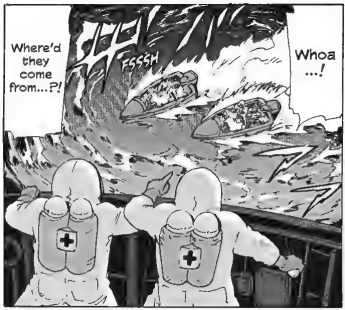
The sub takes priority!
SHFF
A Cop-pelion?!


VROOOO

They chased us all the way out here?!
Dammit! Yellow Cake goons!


VROOOO

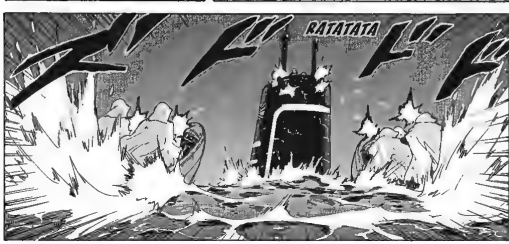
Are they gonna attack the Genryu?!
Wait a...
The submarine is right ahead!
Lt. Ibuse...
Radio them to dive!
Tch ...!
Flood the ballast tanks! Now!
Prepare to dive!
CLAMOR
?!
FWT
ATTENTION, GENRYU! YOU NEED TO DIVE, STAT!
Hurry!!


Where'd they come from...?!
FSSSH
Whoa ...!

!

CLICK
CLICK
Enemy fire!
Dive! Dive! Dive!

RATATA


RATATATA

HHHOOO
They're going under! Hurry!
PLINK
Inside! Gp!
WHOOOSH
KREE
Eep!
BLUB
BLUB
BLUB
BLUB
They'll surface for the survivors to board.
They can't hide underwater forever.
...!

They're hiding on the island.
Capture the survivors!
That ambulance.

Just gotta hold out until the VP makes it here!
...the two of us haveta draw them away.
If they find the ambulance, it's all over.
What will we do now?

Never mind that. After me!
This is to save the others!
You can't run! Not with your wound!
Oh, but...
Up here!
Lure them into the building!
STOMP
STOMP
There they are!
Get them!

WHUD
STOMP
STOMP
This way ...!
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF

FWOO
WHOOSH
Don't stop! Come on!
KRAK
WHOMP
Y- Yes, sir!
HACK

WHEEZE
Lieu-
tenant!
Hold
on...!
WHEEZE
Lieutenant
Ibuse!
THUD
Ahh!

!!
BZZK!
...
WHUMP
Miss Ozu!

KRISSH
RATATA
Fire !!
KRAK

Sweet. Weapons!
KCHK
WHUMP
No immediate danger. His airway is clear.
WHEEZE
HUFF
He overexerted himself.
Lt Ibuse, he's—
Kurosawa!
Why is Yellow Cake here?
What on Earth happened...?!

The Aqua-Line?!
Oh, dear...! They're still inside!
...Naruse an' the rest aren't with you?
They wrecked the Aqua-Line.
Dammit... What's the plan, Haruto?
So they coulda been trapped by the explo-sion?!
It will be impossible to protect so many survivors.
Unless we clean up the Yellow Cake merce-naries here...

Naruse will get those humans here!!
I got an anubis...
!
Gun-shots! This way!
Stop Yellow Cake!
Alright Don't miss a single man!

!
SPLASH
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
We can't stop here!
Get up, Oshizu ...!
This is our punish-ment...!
The darkness spreads and spreads ...
Ohh...! I can see the devil in the dark-ness...
The devil's speak-ing...
It's too late... No one can stop it now...

It's almost here...
A world controlled by the darkness...!
The light ...!
スゥ
SST...

...is going out...
Out last light...
FSST
Ohh...
W- We're done for...
HFF
HFF
HFF

I can't see...!
WAA
WAA
Lord have mercy ...!
RUSTLE
Where are you?! I'm scaaared!
Ibara...
CLUNK
Join hands!
WAA
Every-one stay still!
WAA
Where do we get out?!
WAA
WAA
O-Oh, God! I don't want to die here...!!
We're going to die...! We're all going to die! Aaargh!

WAAA
WAAA
GWSH

SWISH

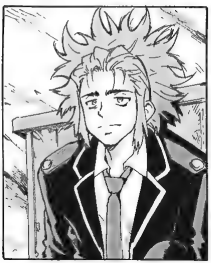
Fire...!
One
Look at this light!
Every one...
A tracer round...!
We're marching on!
Follow me!

Kawasaki
Industrial District

...

Yo, Ryou-ga.
Get up.

Bro?

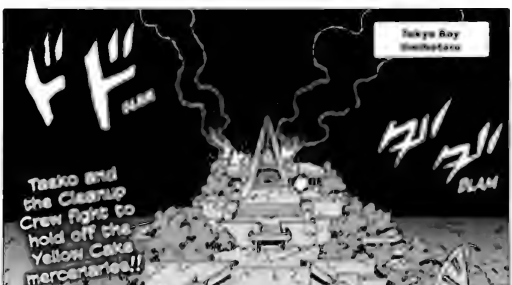


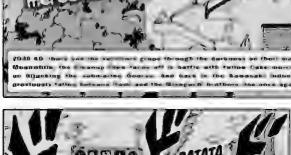
Guess we can't die yet.

The threat of the Retrieval Unit smolders on. Setsuna's reappearance casts a shadow on the battlefield...

to be continued...

Act 35
[Dawn]
COPPELION
Special Forces against radiation
I've always followed the path that I believe in—
presented by Tomonori Inoue


Tokyo Boy Destroyer
Tsuko and the Cleanup Crew fight to hold off the Yellow Cake mercenaries!!
BLAM
BLAM
2160 AD - Back into the northern crust through the darkness on their search for Centralia's Quantrills, the Cleanup Crew faces off in battle with fellow Cake mercenaries, who plan on hijacking the cobweb device tied back in the Kawasaki Industrial Complex, the previously rather ballsack 'bad' and the Stingray-X brothers live once again...!!


RATATA

We can't just charge in!
There's more of 'em than before!

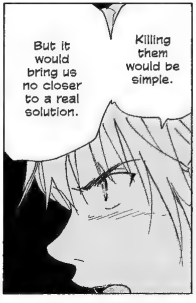
BLAM

We'll fall back little by little and lure Yellow Cake out into the open!
BOOM
BOOM
Lt. Ibuse has to be moved with care...

Ha ha ha!
Then these Yellow Cake suckers will be outta our hair!

We can kill 'em, right?!
Yeah, and then what?!

We have to win this war without spilling any blood.
BOOM
It would upset Naruse, too...


But it would bring us no closer to a real solution.
Killing them would be simple.

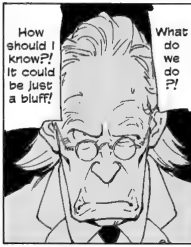
Haruto!
Tell me you've got a trick up your sleeve,
But how else are we supposed to wipe out Yellow Cake?!
Cleaning up these mooks won't change things, I get you.
BLAM
BLAM
Another message from Tokyo?!
It's interrupting our esteemed summit!
What in the world is this Death figure?!

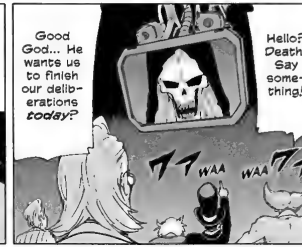
It talked!
HEAR ME, LEADERS OF THE WORLD.
THE FATE OF THE WORLD LIES IN YOUR HANDS.
YOU MUST CHOOSE WISELY
AS WORLD LEADERS, YOU WILL BAND TOGETHER TO MAKE THIS POLICY OFFICIAL.
THE WORLD WILL RELY ON NUCLEAR ENERGY FOR DAILY NEEDS MORE THAN EVER BEFORE
YOU WILL BRING THE KYOTO ECO SUMMIT TO A CLOSE TODAY.

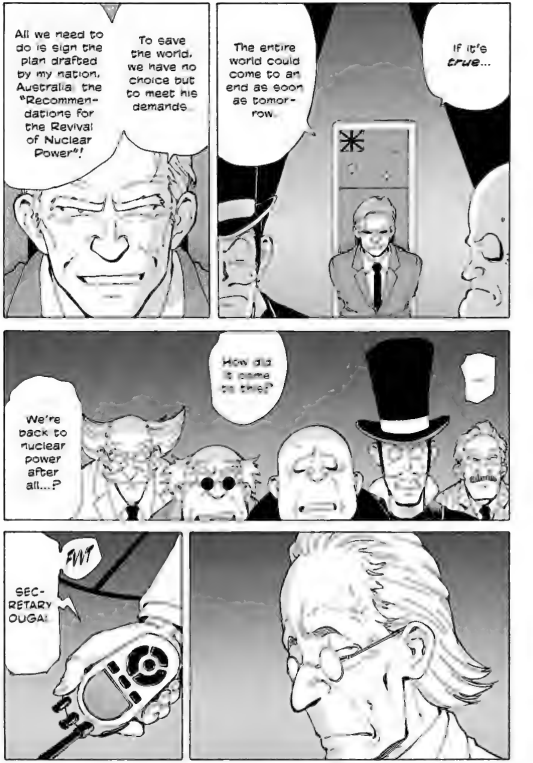
...AND WE WILL LAUNCH A MISSILE INTO THE SARCO-PHAGUS IN DAIBA, TOKYO.
REFUSE TO COMPLY...

Don't! If the sarcophagus is destroyed, the radioactive particles sealed away inside of it will be released!
WAAH
The damage will be felt all over the world, not just in Japan!

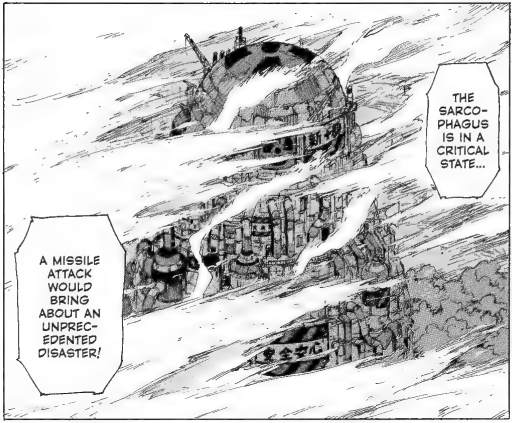
Wh-What did he say?!

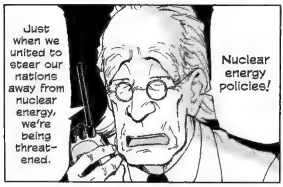

How should I know?! It could be just a bluff!
What do we do?!


Good God... He wants us to finish our deliberations *today*?
Hello? Death! Say something!
WAA
WAA


All we need to do is sign the plan drafted by my nation, Australia: the "Recommendations for the Revival of Nuclear Power"!
To save the world, we have no choice but to meet his demands...
The entire world could come to an end as soon as tomorrow...
If it's true...
We're back to nuclear power after all...?
How did it come to this?
FWT
SECRETARY OUGA!

I'm here.
FWT
This is Haruto Kurosawa in Tokyo.
Secretary Ougai.
ドドド
RATATA
They're after the Genryu's ballistic missiles.
We're currently engaged in combat to impede that very plan!
GLAM
ガーン
We were threatened with the destruction of the sarcophagus not a minute ago.
What have you children gotten into over there?!
CLAMOR
CLAMOR
Yellow Cake's doing, most likely.
Stop them, no matter the cost! The sarcophagus...
...
We're on the verge of a second containment failure.
As we speak...

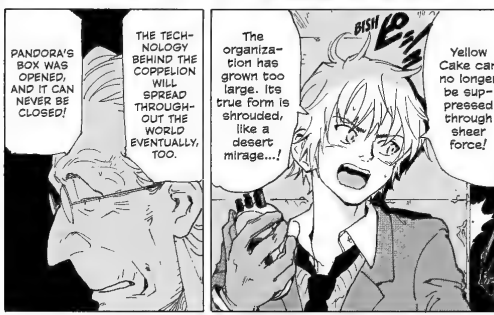

THE SARCOPHAGUS IS IN A CRITICAL STATE...
A MISSILE ATTACK WOULD BRING ABOUT AN UNPRECEDENTED DISASTER!

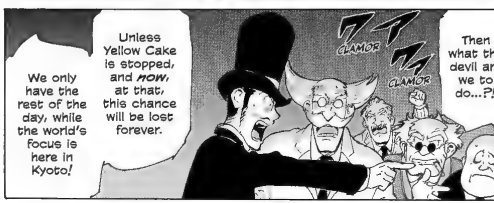

Just when we united to steer our nations away from nuclear energy, we're being threatened.
Nuclear energy policies!

It seems the enemy may be among us, and in great number.
The summit proceedings are being leaked to the outside.

What do they want with the Kyoto Eco Summit?
What are Yellow Cake's demands?!

RATATATA


BISH
Yellow Cake can no longer be suppressed through sheer force!
The organization has grown too large. Its true form is shrouded, like a desert mirage...!
THE TECHNOLOGY BEHIND THE COPPELION WILL SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE WORLD EVENTUALLY, TOO.
PANDORA'S BOX WAS OPENED, AND IT CAN NEVER BE CLOSED!


Then what the devil are we to do...?!
CLAMOR
CLAMOR
Unless Yellow Cake is stopped, and *now*, at that, this chance will be lost forever.
We only have the rest of the day, while the world's focus is here in Kyoto!

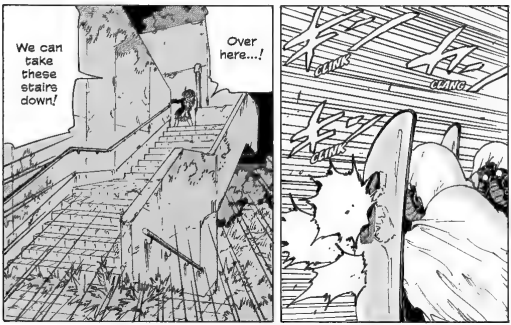
I have an idea, sir.
But it requires political power.
CLAMOR
CLAMOR
Political power...
Intriguing.
You may entrust this matter to me.

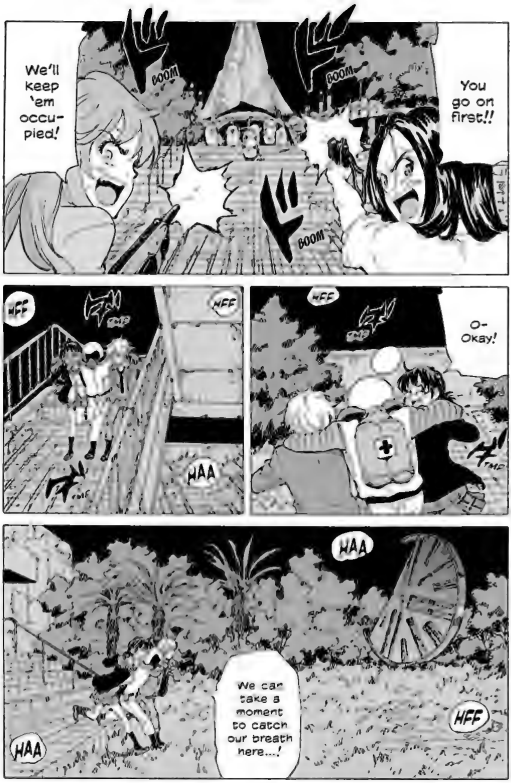
There has to be an exit!
Keep it up!

WHEEZE
WHEEZE
Feet... like lead...
SPLASH

We'll be out of Tokyo before we know it...
We've come this far together...
Right...
Real soon, we'll be saying our goodbyes.
You won't haveta put up with all my shouting anymore!
A new world's waiting out there for you!
You will.

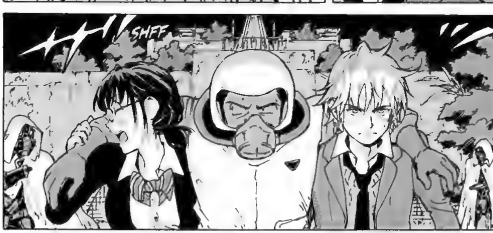
ズビ
RATATA
Graaah!!!


We can take these stairs down!
Over here...!
CLANG


We'll keep 'em occupied!
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
You go on first!!
HFF
HFF
HAA
HFF
O-Okay!
HAA
HAA
We can take a moment to catch our breath here...!
HFF

KCHIK
Not another step!

!


SHFF

They're getting desperate, themselves.
Don't give up yet.

I'm so sorry, Kurosawa... This is my blunder ...!
Ohh...!

Let us settle this through words!
There is no need to continue this fight.

Precisely!
KREE

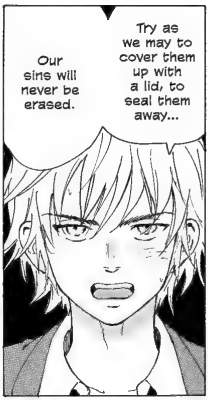
This is the person behind it...?!

Oh, that's it! The little robot that was giving orders to Yellow Cake...!
I know I've heard that voice before ...

You'll have the *Gemryu* resurface.
Let's make a deal.

Is that agreeable?
In exchange, I'll guarantee the lives of every survivor.
Ha ha ha! What do I care?
The City of Death is already polluted, is it not?
The sarcophagus is failing. You people should know that as well as us.
We don't have time for a standoff.
This is a sign of what's to come.
You still don't get it...?

What humanity needs now is to come together, to share this burden of sorrow...
...and move towards the future, without averting our eyes from the past.


Try as we may to cover them up with a lid, to seal them away...
Our sins will never be erased.

If you're going to kill me, get it over with.
My death won't change anything. No one can stop this revolution.

Cease your preaching, boy!
Give me your answer!

SWISSSHH
The world will change today.
You lose.
Wh...
What did you say?!
A proposal from Japan.
Today, as part of the Kyoto Eco Summit ...

Let us enact the "Nuclear Waste Exportation Ban Treaty."

Why should we do that?!
RABBLE
What's the meaning of this?!
RABBLE

You want to ban the exportation...
...of nuclear waste?!

...then that is your prerogative. However...
If you wish to continue using nuclear power.

A very simple treaty.
It is the responsibility of each government to dispose of the nuclear waste they produce within their own nation.
Each nation might feel the weight of responsibility for the waste and enforce stricter regulations...
If a complete ban on moving nuclear waste outside of one's own nation were enacted ...
It does not outright ban all deals involving moving radioactive waste between nations.
The Basel Convention does place restrictions on the transfer of hazardous waste, but...
Such overreaching would hurt the free market and business growth!
Ludicrous!

Ha ha ha!
Quite right!
No one is objecting to your nuclear power proposal or recommendation or whatever it is.
Oho... What seems to be the problem?
But...
With this, the private companies that enjoy enormous profits from their work in the back end of nuclear power...
Why, they'll all go bankrupt!
So they would.
How regrettable.

Is that all? We agree upon most things then!
We'll call it the "Kyoto Treaty"!
People of the world, we in Kyoto...
...have an important message for you!

HAA
HFF
HFF
SNIFF
Charge!
They got caught...!
Sis...!
HAA
HFF
WHRL
WHRL
Sis, what now?!
They're coming!
SNIFF
SNIFF
SNIFF
!

WHIP
Move the half-moon!!
Mana Tsubu-raya!!
Fire!
KCHK
...?!
Th-The moon!?!
RATATATA

EIN!
LOOK
OUT!!

HI
FI
CLANG

The tunnel excavator manufacturer?!
Why...

?!

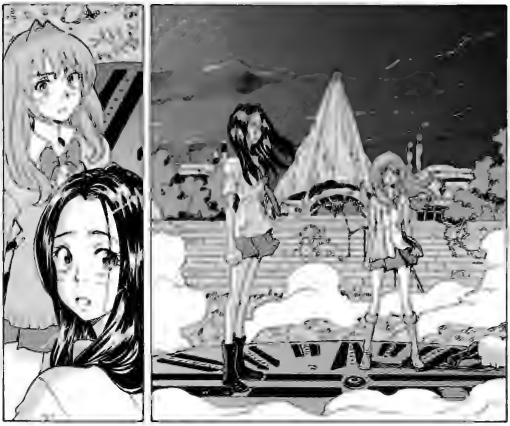
Get 'em, Mana!
God, hurry up!
Let's do this, Tsuburaya!!
Here it is!

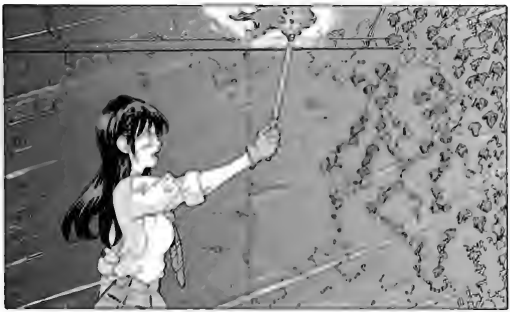
KRAAK
KRAAK
Ha!
KRAAK
What the?!
BOOM
BOOM

HA
CHK
Nobody move!
...
This is the end for Yellow Cake!
The Kyoto Eco Summit just agreed on a treaty to ban all exportation of nuclear waste!
FLEE
Kh...
Retreat!

Nomura! Don't...!
KHAP
BLAM
FSSHH
Start the boat!

WHOOM
Wham
Izzat all of 'em?





It's the light of dawn...!
Ohh...
We did it!
An exit?!
We made it through the tunnel!

It's the exit!
We made it, Kiara ...!
Light...
Okay, guys ...
Let's go!
Bright...

Morning rays of hope shine on the survivors—
The Corps'ion's evacuation mission comes to a close!!
to be continued…

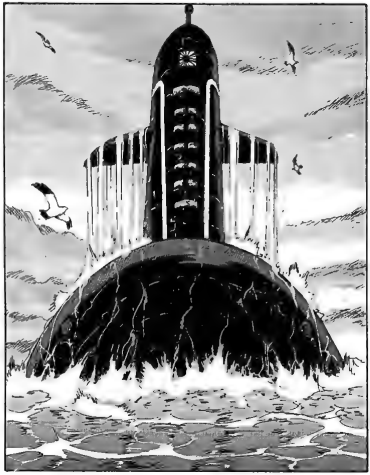
Act 36
[Evacuation Complete]
COPPELION
Special Forces against radiation
The conclusion to an action-packed Part 4!!
Over-coming a myriad of obstacles,
they've reached their objective-

2039 AD. Based on Kyoto's plan, the Kyoto Eco Summit enacts the Nuclear Waste Expenditure Gas Treaty, completely saving future Cana from secretly dumping waste in Tokyo and finally, there and the survivors each institutions, where the Genius-graft.
The Medical Unit completes their mission!!
Naruse
CHATTER
Everybody a-okay?
Nobody's still in the tunnel?
CHATTER

Haruto...!
Took you long enough.
Finally.
Wear this.
Cold?

WAAA!
!

Mm.
So
warm...



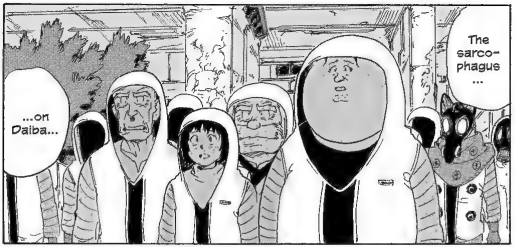
FFSSH

That's the submarine, is it? The Gemini?
OOHH
Incoming!

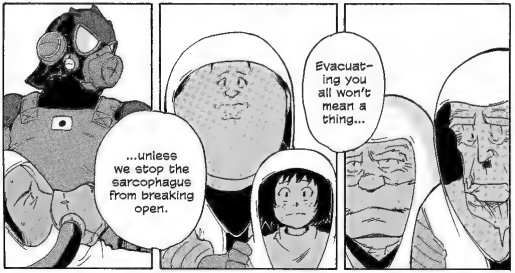
Yes. I knew you would!
Oh, gosh! We did it! We made it!
Taeko!
Ibara! Aoi!
Permission to bring them aboard with us?
Sir, we captured about a dozen Yellow Cake mercenaries.
Sir... Ow, ow, ow.
Ibuee! You're injured?
Good work, Lieutenant.
...permission granted!

...took a boat back to the shore.
Miss Ozu...
Yeah. Um, where's Kanon and them?
Looking for something, Ryunosuke?
How come?! Isn't she coming with us?!
Huh ...?!
That means you guy can leave with us!
We're the last evacuees, aren't we?!
Why'd they go back to Tokyo?!

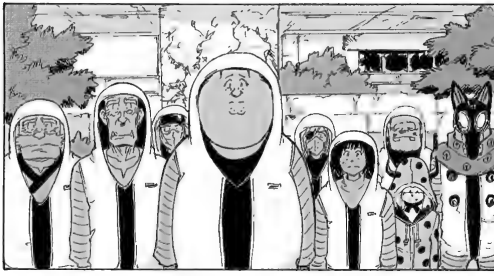
We have
one last job left to do.


The sarco-phague ...
...on Daiba...

Yeah.
...you're leaving us for. You're going to stop a second disaster, aren't you?
That's what...


...unless we stop the sarcophagus from breaking open.
Evacuat-ing you all won't mean a thing...

Us Coppelion will go over there...
...and take care of it. So don't you fret!



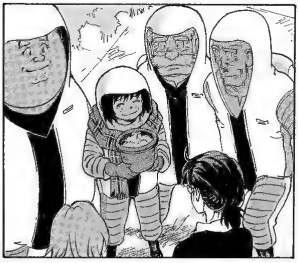
Take us with you...!
Please!
Building that sarcophagus was our job. How can we ever look ourselves in the mirror again, knowing you had to clean up after us?
You kids would go that far for us...?
We're beggin' ya, Representative...!
Let us see this through to the end!
CLAMOR
CLAMOR
We started the job 20 years ago. We need to finish it!
I've... I've just had this feeling.
Ever since coming to Tokyo...

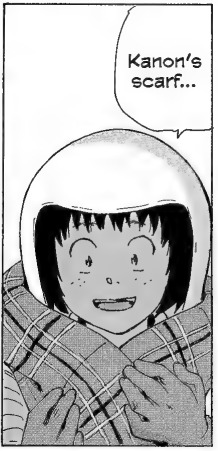
That it would be the final stop of our journey.
I knew that someday, we'd find ourselves in front of the sarcophagus...
I want to know you'll be praying for us from someplace safe. Please!
This is our fight.

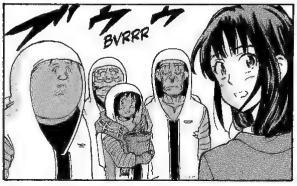
And thank you, truly ....!
We're sorry ....!
Kh...
...
This is really good-bye?
So...
Here.
Oh, I almost forgot.
!
This was riding along with us in the ambulance.

This is for you, too.

My apple tree!
It's safe! Yippee!




Kanon's scarf...


BVRRR

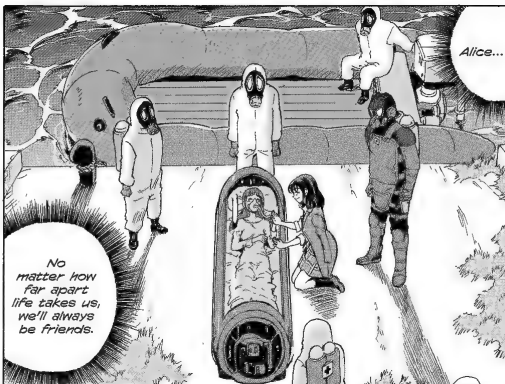
VVRRRM
WAAA!
Look! Boats ....!

This is the shielded transport capsule you asked for!
What's that thing?
Into the boats! Keep it orderly, please!
CLAMOR
CLAMOR
It's time, everyone!
CLAMOR
CLAMOR
...
Alice...

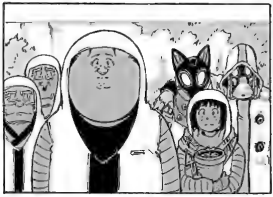
RESCUE
Mise...
Ibara...
Alice ...!
We made it to the finish line!
You did real good!
Alice...

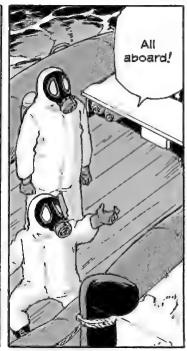
...
Why are you crying?
What, this...?
This's nothin'.
Alice...
You get better, you hear me?
You're gonna live.
Okay, Alice?

Sorry to interrupt, but we need to move that capsule to safety.
Naruse


Alice...
No matter how far apart life takes us, we'll always be friends.

Is this the final group?
...



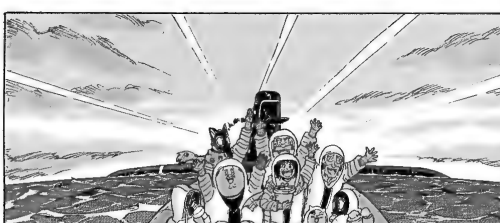

All aboard!

Mama Akiko... Things'll turn out just fine, as long as you're around!
You keep everybody in order until we make it back, okay?
We'll see you again, won't we...?
I don't know how we'll get by without you girls.
Oof... Thanks.
Lean on me, Mr. Asimov.
Promise Mama Akiko you will!
And you'll be back!
SQUISH
Is there anything left for me to do, though...?
I'm still hobbling along...

Mr. Asimov ...
You don't have to look for a reason to live.
Waking up each morning ...
I think that's reason enough.

Thanks for all your help.
Mr. Mask-maker.
Repre-senta-tive.
We won't waste these lives, I can assure you.
You gave us a chance to start over again.
We should be do-ing the thank-ing.
SLIP
Had a feeling we might end up need-ing it, so I kept it with me.
Allow me to give you this, at least.

Is this...
...blueprints of the sarcophagus?!
We've got this totes under control!
Thanks, you old geezers!
We built that sarcophagus quick as we could, so it's something of a maze inside.
That there will come in handy!
It's right embarrassing that we can't be of more help!
You be careful out there...!
Ahh...



That's like... mission accomplished, huh, Ibara?
There they go...!

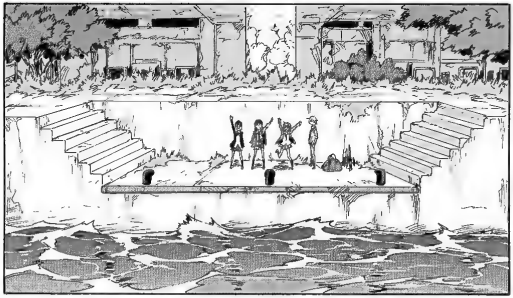
Yup...

Prime Minister Natsume ...!
Oh, yeah. Forgot about him!
Your prime minister approves!
Well done, children, well done!
He'll be furious if I don't lead Japan to greatness!
I made a vow to Kunikida.
I've been out here in the field, seen Tokyo with my own two eyes!
It's back to politics for me!
I've no time to be dallying about in these ruins!
SPRING
Ferry me off, then!

Yup...
It's time we returned to the sub, as well.
Yeesh. Somebody's awfully chipper.
...have been successfully evacuated.
All of the survivors who were left behind in Tokyo...

Roger that!
Keep up the good work on your final assignments!
Excellent, Representative Ibara Naruse!
BRRMM
SPLSSH

BRRMM



...?

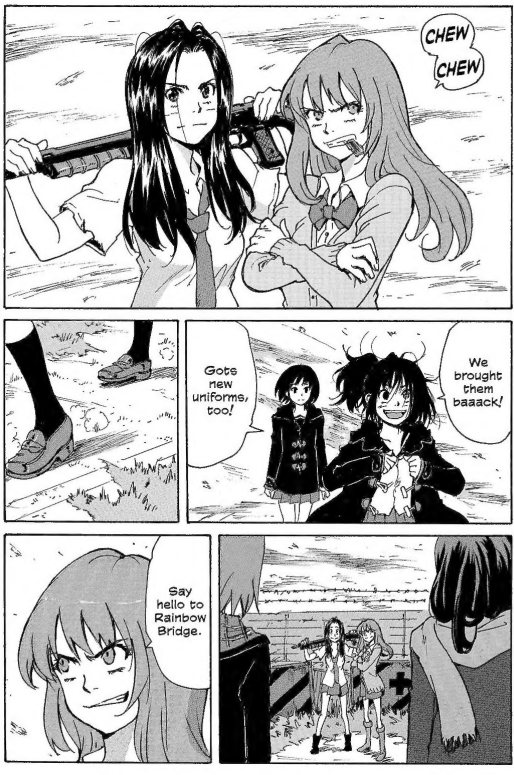
Dr. Coppelius... He's gone!
FSSHH
Some-thing the matter, Naruse?
SPLSSH
Huh ...?!
If some-thing's keeping him in Tokyo...
It would have to be the sarco-phagus.

SPLSSH
FVVT
What is it?
Naruse ?

The mission isn't a success yet.
VP...

...we'll be evacuating!
There's one more survivor...

And a boat, too.
We have fresh clothes and weapons.
Let's move!
Got it.


CHEW
CHEW
We brought them baaack!
Got new uniforms, too!
Say hello to Rainbow Bridge.

HWOOOO
Daiba nuclear power plant, the source of the radiation—
Daiba...
We're finally here.
The Coppelion infiltrate the sinister sarcophagus!!

Coppelion Part 4: End

The next chapter begins our story's final arc!!

COPPELION
コッペリオン
24
井上智徳
TOMONORI INOUE